Displaying the content of soft drinks in the bottle

†611. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had taken any specific decision after the orders of the Rajasthan High Court to the effect that every bottle of soft drinks like Coca Cola and Pepsi should display the information that the drink contains pesticides;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan has granted two months time to the applicants to ensure compliance of this order.

It is however, learnt that the applicants namely, M/s. Coca-Cola India Inc. and M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. have filed appeals in the Hon'ble Supreme Court against this order.

Safety in Soft Drinks

†612. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of cold drinks like Pepsi and other such drinks is totally safe from the health point of view.

(b) whether it is appropriate health-wise to write the full details regarding cold drinks on the cans or bottle of cold drinks for the information of consumers;

(c) if so, whether Government have issued any direction to the companies producing cold drinks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Carbonated

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